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SUBJECT: 1974 CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER

REF:A CINCPAC 050043Z APRIL

B STATE 068119, APR 4

1. FOR CINCPAC FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN. WE HAVE ALREADY SEPARATELY QUERIED CANBERRA ON POSSIBILITY OF SHORTENING AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM BY APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS IN ORDER PERMIT SHORT NEW ZEALAND PROGRAM. PENDING REPLY FROM CANBERRA, WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR CINCPAC OFFER TO SEND ADMIRAL AND MRS. WEISNER TO NEW ZEALAND AS CORAL SEA GUESTS THERE. WE DO UNDERSTAND FROM CANBERRA THAT IT MAY BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BREAKUP LONG-PLANNED AUSTRALIAN SCHEDULE; IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CINCPAC PROPOSAL MAY PROVIDE A HAPPY AND NECESSARY COMPROMISE.

2. FOR WELLINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON ABOVE.

3. FOR CANBERRA. WILL PROSPECTS FOR AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY AFFECT CORAL SEA PLANNING OR GUEST ACTIVITIES? RUSH

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